

CONTAINER HAVING A ROTATABLE RING

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A generally cylindrical container comprised of three parts including a top shell, a
5 bottom shell, and a rotatable ring. The top and bottom shells are affixed to each other and
hold the ring captive in a race formed by the outer sidewalls and annular retaining edges of
the top and bottom shell. A discharge opening in the ring can be aligned with one or more
openings in the sidewalls to allow passage of objects in or out of the container. The ring
opening can similarly be aligned away from the sidewall opening(s) to prevent the passage
10 of objects. The container disclosed herein represents a significant advance over known
hand-operated containers because, among other things, it is simpler to manufacture,
provides more reliable operation, and offers reduced friction against stored objects.